

MEDICAL OFFICER'S REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31st 1945

Madam, Gentlemen,

I present herewith my Annual Report for the year 1945.

The most outstanding Public Health occurrence was the Measles Epidemic in January and February. A total of seventy cases were officially reported to me; this represents almost one third of the child population up to fourteen years of age. The epidemic was of a moderately severe character but there were no deaths, nor was I aware of any case of pneumonia, the worst complication of measles. It was suggested that contacts should have been isolated from school, a procedure not now considered necessary by the Ministry of Health, but how were well children to be prevented from playing together in the streets in a comparatively closely populated small area? An analysis of the seventy notifications shows that there were:-

- (1) 26 cases under 5 years old.
- (2) 34 of and between 5 and 9 years old.
- (3) 10 in the 10.14 age group.

the conclusion to be drawn being that the early school years are probably the most susceptible.

Among other Notifiable Diseases there was one case of Scabies, two of Scarlet Fever, five of Whooping Cough and one Paratyphoid (contacted out of the district).

There were three fresh cases of Tuberculosis, one Male Pulmonary and two Female Non-Pulmonary. There are now a total of seven cases on the Tuberculosis register, e.g.

Pulmonary

1. Male.
2. Female.

Non-Pulmonary.

- No Male.
4. Female.

Diphtheria Immunisation. Twenty children were immunised; as far as I am aware all children born in 1944 and still residing in Tintwistle, have been immunised.

With regard to Vital Statistics, there were eleven births, two boys and nine girls, including one still-born.

There were seventeen deaths, excluding three R.A.F. casualties, the result of an accident in the Area. Only one of these seventeen was under 50, an accident; there were 4 deaths between 50. and 60; 4 between 61 and 79; 7 octogenarians and 1 nonagenarian. If one can presume to "percentage" law figures then 47 per cent deaths were 80 years of age or over.

An analysis of a sample of water taken from the Manchester Corporation supply on 26. 11. 45. was made, and the reported state that it was "a water of unsatisfactory bacteriological quality"; a similar report on a sample from the Tintwistle Waterworks Co. stated that it was "a water of wholesome bacteriological quality". Subsequently the former of these was re-examined and the report was satisfactory. The Sanitary Inspector has been recommended to take periodical samples from the Manchester Corporation supply and have them analysed.

Believe me,

Signed.

Yours faithfully,

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M.O.H. Tintwistle R.D.C.

CAUSE OF DEATH.

Year ending 31. 12. 45.

Other Septic Diseases.	1.
Cancer, Malignant Disease.	3.
Bronchitis.	1.
Other Diseases of Respiratory Organs.	1.
Alcoholism. Cirrhosis of Liver.	1.
Heart Diseases.	4.
Accidents.	1. (excluding 3 R.A.F. Casualties.)
All other causes.	5.

Total.

17.

AGES AT WHICH DEATH OCCURRED.

Under 1 year of age.	)	
Between 1 and 5 years of age.	)	
" 5 and 15 ditto.	)	
" 15 and 25 ditto.	)	1.
" 25 and 50 ditto.	)	
50 to 60 years of age.		4.
61 years to 79 years of age.		4.
80 or over.		8.
		<u>17.</u>

DEATHS.

Male.		7.
Female.		10.
	Total.	<u>17.</u>

BIRTHS.

Male.		2.
Female.		9 (1 Still born.)
	Total.	<u>11.</u>